(b) if so, the total FDI secured during the last ten years out of which how much was in the IT and Telecommunications sector and how does it compare with China, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan;

(c) whether it is a fact that even with the FDI in the IT and Telecom sector, investment in hardware manufacturing and software development was negligible; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) India accounted for around 76% of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows into South Asia during the year 2000 as reported in the World Investment Report, 2001 published by UNCTAD. India is emerging as an important destination for FDI in the areas of Telecommunications and Information Technology.

FDI received in the country during the period from 1.8.91 to 31.5.02 in Information Technology (Computer Software, Electronics, Computer Hardware and Other Software) and Telecommunication Sectors is as under:—

Sector	Amount of FDI Inflow* (Rs. in crore)	% of total
Information Technology	6569.96	9.50
Telecommunications	9230.16	13.35

*This excludes inflows against ADRs/GDRs, acquisition of existing shares, RBI's-NRI schemes and advances pending issue of shares.

The total FDI received during this period in all sectors is Rs 1,19,088.52 crore.

Export of flowers

2097. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government realize the potential of exporting flowers to Asian markets; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to encourage businessmen to export flowers to various Asian markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the potential of exporting flowers to Asian markets and steps have been taken for promotion of the floriculture industry. Financial assistance under various schemes is provided to the registered exporters for various activities including development of infrastructure etc. to facilitate export of cut flowers. A state-of-art cold storage and perishable Cargo handling centre is being established at Mumbai, besides flower auction centres at Bangalore, Mumbai and Greater Noida. Cold storage for handling perishable cargo including cut flowers had already been set up at New Delhi, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Chennai and Hyderabad.

Foreign Investment Proposals

†2098. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for foreign capital investment in various States were received during the fiscal year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the number of such proposals received during the said period in each State;

(c) the number of proposals approved out of them; and

(d) the actual foreign capital invested after the approval of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) A total of 2066 proposals for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in different States involving an investment of Rs.20,312.45 crore, were received and approved during the period April 2001 to March 2002. The total FDI inflow during the above period is Rs.14,250.96 crore. The inflow data with specific project linkages is not maintained. State-wise break-up of the FDI approvals during the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.